though Housing & Urban Development Corporation had earmarked a amount of Rs. 1.01 crores for the year 1985-86 and Rs. 0.99 crores during 1986-87 for rural housing schemes meant for economically weaker sections, no such schemes was received from the State Government for sanction and loan assistance.

Cases of cheating registered against officers of Bokaro Steel Plant

2394. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of cheating was registered against two officials of the Bokaro Steel Plant in 1985 for favouring a private firm and causing the steel plant a loss of nearly Rs. 12 lakh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what action has so far been taken against the officials concerned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these officials still continue to hold their posts; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken against the officials concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (c) On April 6, 1985, the Ranchi Branch of CBI registered a case against two officials of Bokaro Steel Plant for allegedly favouring a contractor. These officers continue in their posts.

(b) and (d) In June, 1986, the CBI sent a detailed report to Government and advised that in addition to these two officers, major penalty proceedings should also be initiated against four other officers, minor penalty proceedings against one other officer and business dealings may be banned with the proprietor of the firm.

SAIL have examined the CBI report and have directly sent their comments to the Central Vigilance Commission, whose advice is awaited. Further action will be taken by SAIL on receipt of this advice.

Regularisations of shops in Paharganj, New Delhi

2395. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Members of Parliament had recently written to his Ministry for regularisation of some shops in Paharganj, New Delhi by DDA; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to regularize these shops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present there is no policy to regularise encroachers of DDA land, who are using the land for commercial purposes.

Clearance to Pochampadu Project in Andhra Pradesh

2396. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for clearance of Pochampadu project (Sriramsagar) which supplies water to Nalgonda district in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether it has been cleared by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir, in September, 1986.

(b) The project report is under examination by the Central Water Commission and other Central Agencies.